

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended): The motorcycle of claim [[3]] 7, wherein the upper rear portion of the frame comprises two rear frame rails.

5. (currently amended): The motorcycle of claim [[3]] 7, wherein each of the one or more components comprises an accessory to the motorcycle, each of the components and the rear fender adapted to be supported by at least one of the rear frame rails.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended): [[The]] A motorcycle of claim 6, comprising:

a frame;

a front wheel operatively couple to a front portion of the frame;

a rear wheel operatively coupled to a lower rear portion of the frame;

an upper rear portion of the frame comprising one or more rear frame rails, each rail having a plurality of holes located therein;

a rear fender directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, the rear fender including a plurality of bores located therein, each of the plurality of bores configured to align with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails; and

one or more components directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, at least part of the upper rear portion of the frame located interior to the fender and the one or more

components, and the one or more components making contact only with the frame and fasteners that couple the one or more components to the frame;

wherein at least one of the components includes a mounting bracket having one or more protruding portions, with at least one portion having an aperture located therein, each aperture configured to align with one of the plurality of bores in the fender that is aligned with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.

8. (currently amended): The motorcycle of claim [[1]] 7, wherein the one or more components include one or optionally more of a passenger seat, a luggage rack, a smuggler, saddlebags, a driver backrest, covers, and a passenger backrest.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended): A [[The]] motorcycle of claim 9, comprising:

a frame;
a front wheel operatively couple to a front portion of the frame;
a rear wheel operatively coupled to a lower rear portion of the frame;
an upper rear portion of the frame comprising one or more rear frame rails, each rail having a plurality of holes located therein;
a rear fender directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, the rear fender including a plurality of bores located therein, each of the plurality of bores configured to align with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails;
one or more components directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, at least part of the upper rear portion of the frame located interior to the fender and the one or more components, and the one or more components making contact only with the frame and fasteners that couple the one or more components to the frame; and
one or more covers each directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, the one or more covers adapted to mask the plurality of bores in the fender;

wherein each of the one or more covers has one or more openings each configured to align with one of the plurality of bores in the fender that is aligned with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.

11. (original): The motorcycle of claim 10, further comprising one or more support brackets each coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, each bracket including at least one boss configured to align with at least one of the openings in one of the covers that is aligned with one of the plurality of bores in the fender that is aligned with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.

12. (original): The motorcycle of claim 11, wherein each of the one or more support brackets is coupled to a saddlebag.

13. (original): The motorcycle of claim 11, wherein each of the one or more support brackets is coupled to a footrest.

14. (currently amended): The motorcycle of claim [[6]] 7, wherein each of the fasteners is adapted to couple one of the rear fender and at least one of the one or more components to the upper rear portion of the frame, each of the fasteners adapted to at least extend through one of the plurality of bores in the rear fender and be threadably received in one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.

15. (previously presented): A rear fender mounting assembly comprising:
a frame having a front and a rear portion, the rear portion including an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper rear portion including one or more rear frame rails, each rail having a plurality of holes located therein, one or more of the plurality of holes having a portion formed around an outer perimeter thereof, and each portion axially extending outward a certain distance from the rear frame rail; and

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a rear fender directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, the rear fender including a plurality of bores located therein, each of the plurality of bores aligning with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails, the one or more portions extending through the corresponding bores so as to create a space between the rear fender and one or more components mounted to such portions.

16. (previously presented): The assembly of claim 15, wherein at least part of the upper rear portion of the frame is located interior to the rear fender.

17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented): The assembly of claim 15, wherein the one or more components are each directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame.

19. (previously presented): The assembly of claim 18, wherein each of the one or more components has one or more apertures each configured to align with one of the plurality of bores in the fender that is aligned with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails, and the only contact between the one or more components and the rear frame rails is at the portions of the corresponding holes.

20. (previously presented): The assembly of claim 15, further comprising one or more covers each directly coupled to the upper rear portion of the frame, the one or more covers adapted to mask the plurality of bores in the fender.

21. (previously presented): The assembly of claim 20, wherein each of the one or more covers has one or more apertures each configured to align with one of the plurality of bores in the fender that is aligned with one of the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.

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22. (previously presented): The assembly of claim 15, further comprising a plurality of fasteners adapted to couple the rear fender to the upper rear portion of the frame, each of the plurality of fasteners adapted to extend through the plurality of bores in the fender and be threadably received in the plurality of holes in one of the rear frame rails.

23.-28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended): The motorcycle of claim [[1]] L, wherein at least part of the fender is located interior to the one or more components.

30. (currently amended): The motorcycle of claim [[3]] L, wherein one or more of the plurality of holes has a portion formed around an outer perimeter thereof, wherein each portion axially extends a certain distance from the rear frame rail, and wherein each portion is configured to enable the one or more components to make contact only with the frame and fasteners coupling the one or more components to the frame.

31.-32. (canceled)